SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2

Agenda

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**Attention Departments Responding to LNG Questions: The CEC has provided a written document outlining the LNG permitting process. This document is helpful, but I am still interested in identifying which agency is reviewing each of the issues listed on the working group website and what has been done, to date. Thanks.

Resources—Environmental Protection—Energy—Utilities

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Consent Calendar

3110 Special Resources Programs

Action. Approve as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

3680 Department of Boating and Waterways

- 1. Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund Local Assistance Action. Removed from consent calendar and held open.
- 2. Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund Capital Outlay Action. Removed from consent calendar and held open.
- 3. Abandoned Watercraft Abatement

Action. Approve as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

4. California Beach Erosion Control Program

Action. Approve as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

5. Boating Accident Program

Action. Approve as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

6. Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Grant Program

Action. Approve as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

Other Regional Conservancies

Summary of Expenditures					
(dollars in thousands)	2005-06	2006-07	\$ Change	% Change	
3810 - Santa Monica Mountains					
Conservancy	22,613	9,241	-13,372	-59.1	
3825 - San Gabriel and Lower Los					
Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	10,831	3,339	-7,492	-69.2	
3830 - San Joaquin River	10,031	3,337	7,122	07.2	
Conservancy	372	434	62	16.7	
3835 - Baldwin Hills Conservancy	23,213	415	-22,798	-98.2	
3845 - San Diego River	272	202	20	7.4	
Conservancy	272	292	20	7.4	
3850 - Coachella Valley Mountains					
Conservancy	5,163	272	-4,891	-94.7	
Total	\$62,464	\$13,993	-\$48,471	-77.6	

Action. Approve as budgeted.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

3860 Department of Water Resources – CERS Division

Action. Removed from consent calendar and held open.

0540 Secretary for Resources

1. River Parkways Program

Action. This issue was held open.

2. Sierra Nevada Cascade Grant Program

Action. This issue was held open.

3. Missing Reports

Action. No action taken.

4. Improving Enforcement of Existing Laws

Action. Subcommittee requests staff, Office of the Secretary, DOF and the LAO to initiate an enforcement review of programs under the Resources Agency.

5. Conservation Easement Registry

Action. Subcommittee requests staff, Office of the Secretary, DOF and the LAO to develop a portal for identifying and linking existing databases of state-owned conservation easements.

6. California Environmental Quality Act Equivalent Programs – Informational Item

Action. No action taken.

7. California Ocean Protection Council – Informational Item **Action.** No action taken.

8. Review of Liquefied Natural Gas (not in agenda)

Action. Direct the Resources Agency in conjunction with appropriate departments to report on which agency is reviewing each of the issues listed on the website of the Interagency permitting working group and what has been done, to date, on this review.

3. Tidelands Oil Revenues (not in Agenda)

Action. No action taken.

3780 Native American Heritage Commission

1. Implementation of Recent Mandates – Informational Issue **Action.** No action taken.

3560 State Lands Commission

1. Selby Slag Remediation

Action.

- Approved the budget proposal to allocate \$1.3 million in General Fund monies to remediation work at the Selby site.
- Directed DOF to report back to the Subcommittee on the rationale for repaying the \$148 million in special fund loans in the budget year and why the loan from the Toxic Substances Control Account was not included in this list.

Vote. 3-0

2. Review of Liquefied Natural Gas and Marine Oil Terminal Applications

Action.

- Approved the budget proposals to fund one permanent position and contract resources.
- Direct SLC to provide the Subcommittee with information on which Interagency Permitting Working Group issues are being evaluated by SLC.

Vote. 3-0

3. Tidelands Oil Revenues—Informational Issue

Action. No action taken.

4. Marine Invasive Species Program

Action.

• Approved the budget proposal to augment staffing for the program.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

5. Mineral and Land Audit Section

Action.

- Adopt the budget proposal to augment staffing for this activity.
- Adopt supplemental report language that requires the Commission to report to the Legislature on its audit program, including information on the number of leases, the size of the leases, and the frequency with which each lease is audited given current staffing. This report should be submitted to the Legislature by January 10, 2008.

Vote, 3-0

6. Oceangoing Ship Discharges

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

7. School Land Bank Fund

Action. Requested that SLC provide information on potential impacts of implementing the LAO's recommendation and any potential for unfunded liabilities related to legacy uses of state school lands. (SLC has already submitted a written response, staff to review.)

3125 California Tahoe Conservancy

1. Environmental Improvement Program

Action.

- Adopted the budget proposals related to the EIP.
- Requested that the Conservancy provide the Subcommittee with estimates of funding needed and potential options for continued funding of the EIP after the 2007-08 budget year.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

2. Staffing Needs

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

3. Forest Fuels Reduction

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 3-0

3760 State Coastal Conservancy

1. Public Access Program

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

2. Watershed Programs

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

3. California Ocean Protection Council—Informational Item **Action.** No action taken.

3. Review of Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal Applications – Informational Item

Action. Requested that the SCC provide the Subcommittee with information on which Interagency Permitting Working Group issues are being evaluated by SCC.

3855 Sierra Nevada Conservancy

1. Sierra Nevada Conservancy Start Up

Action. This issue was held open pending receipt of report.

8770 Electricity Oversight Board

Action. Approved budget as proposed.

Vote. 3-0

1. Review of Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal Applications – Informational Item

Action. Requested that EOB provide the Subcommittee with information on which Interagency Permitting Working Group issues are being evaluated by EOB.

8660 Public Utilities Commission

1. Division of Ratepayer Advocates

Action. Requested that CPUC provide additional information on DRA's current staffing, including:

- Current allocation of positions within DRA.
- Identification of the statutory mandates on the DRA and a metric of the Division's ability to meet these mandates.
- If possible, information on positions needed to support ongoing programmatic activities within the Division versus involvement in regulatory and policy proceedings before the Commission.

2. Telecommunications Division

Action. Requested that CPUC provide additional information on the Telecommunications Division, including:

- Identification of statutory mandates related to telecommunications and a metric of the Division's ability to meet these mandates with current staffing.
- If possible, information on positions needed to support ongoing programmatic activities within the Division versus involvement in regulatory and policy proceedings before the Commission.

3. Energy Division

Action. Requested that CPUC provide additional information on the Energy Division, including:

- Identification of statutory mandates related to energy and a metric of the Division's ability to meet these mandates with current staffing.
- If possible, information on positions needed to support ongoing programmatic activities within the Division versus involvement in regulatory and policy proceedings before the Commission.

4. Railroad Safety Branch

Action.

- Approved the budget proposal for the rail safety branch.
- Requested that the Commission report on the outcome of the Rail Safety Working Group funded by the 2005-06 budget. (Staff understands that this working group was not conducted in the budget year and funding for this activity needs to be re-evaluated.)

Vote. 3-0

5. Consumer Service and Information Division

Action. Requested that the CPUC provide additional information on the Consumer Service and Information Division, including:

- Identification of statutory mandates related to this division's activities and a metric of the Division's ability to meet these mandates with current staffing.
- Other justification for positions based on experience and directives by the Commission.

6. Review of Liquefied Natural Gas Terminals – Informational Item

Action. Requested that CPUC provide the Subcommittee with information on which Interagency Permitting Working Group issues are being evaluated by CPUC.

3360 California Energy Commission

1. Alternative Fuels Development

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

2. Safe School Bus Clean Fuel Efficiency Program

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 3-0

3. Review of Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal Applications – Informational Item

Action. Requested that CEC provide the Subcommittee with information on which Interagency Permitting Working Group issues are being evaluated by CEC. (CEC provided a written report covering CEC's activities and activities of other state agencies involved in permitting LNG facilities. However, additional information is still needed on each of the issues listed on the working groups website.)